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Via email to desai.sheila@epa.gov

Sheila Desai
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Re: Old American Zinc Plant Superfund Site, Fairmont City, Illinois – Draft Final Design Report

Dear Ms. Desai,

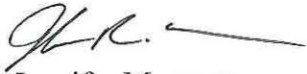
On behalf of Gold Fields Mining LLC (“Gold Fields”), I am responding to your letter dated May 10, 2016 regarding the comments on the Draft Final Design Report for the Old American Zinc Plant Superfund Site, Fairmont City, Illinois, dated March 2016. As you may know, on April 13, 2016, Peabody Energy Corporation and certain of its direct and indirect subsidiaries, including Gold Fields Mining LLC, (the “Debtors”) filed for Chapter 11 protection in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern District of Missouri. The Debtors are currently undergoing a process of evaluating their rights and obligations with respect to its environmental liabilities, but the filing of the bankruptcy petition automatically stays actions or claims against the Debtors pursuant to Section 362 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. There will be a process within the bankruptcy for the filing proofs of claims against the Debtors.

If you have any questions please contact the Debtors’ below bankruptcy counsel.

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Respectfully,

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